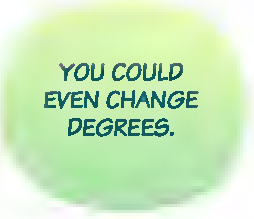
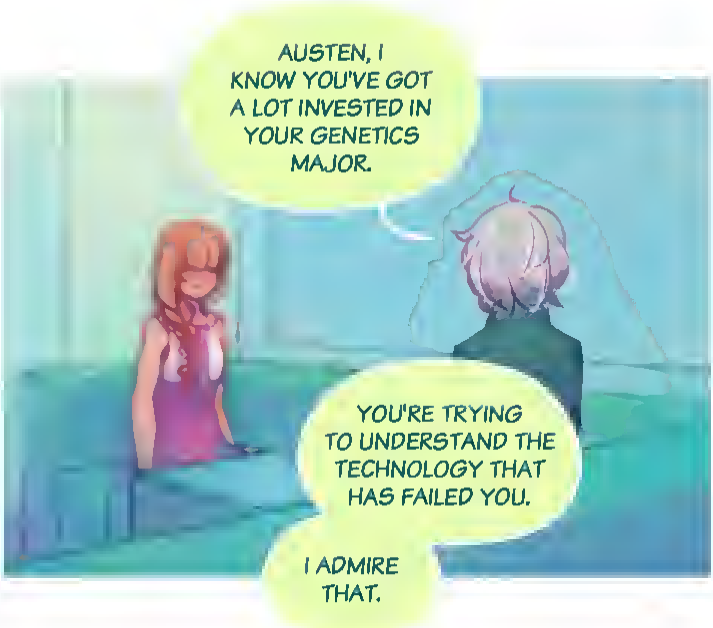
BUT YOU ACT LIKE YOUR ONLY OPTIONS ARE GIVING UP OR PUSHING THROUGH.
YOU HAVE OTHER CHOICES.
I THINK YOU SHOULD CONSIDER A DIFFERENT MAJOR.



ALWAYS HUMAN

52 - Will you be happy?


AUSTEN, I KNOW YOU'VE GOT A LOT INVESTED IN YOUR GENETICS MAJOR.
YOU'RE TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE TECHNOLOGY THAT HAS FAILED YOU.
I ADMIRE THAT.

I NEED TO STAY CALM.

I CAN'T LET MYSELF SAY SOMETHING I'LL REGRET.

I CAN'T SWEAR AT DR. KARIM

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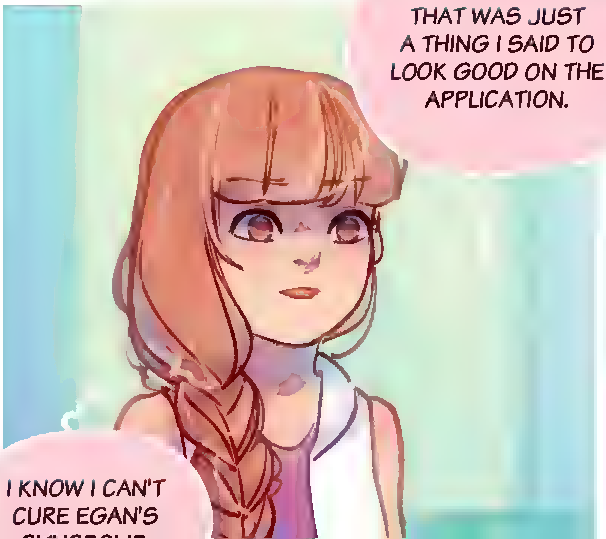
STAY. CALM.

TWO YEARS AGO, IN YOUR APPLICATION ESSAY, YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO HELP FIND A CURE.
IS THAT STILL YOUR GOAL?

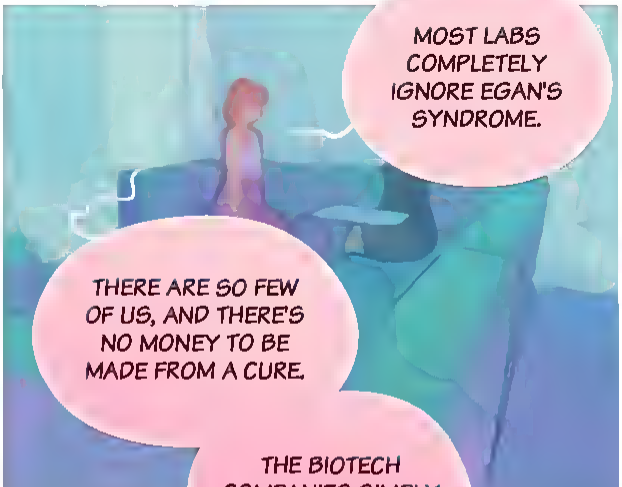

THAT WAS JUST A THING I SAID TO LOOK GOOD ON THE APPLICATION.
I KNOW I CAN'T CURE EGAN'S

SYNDROME.

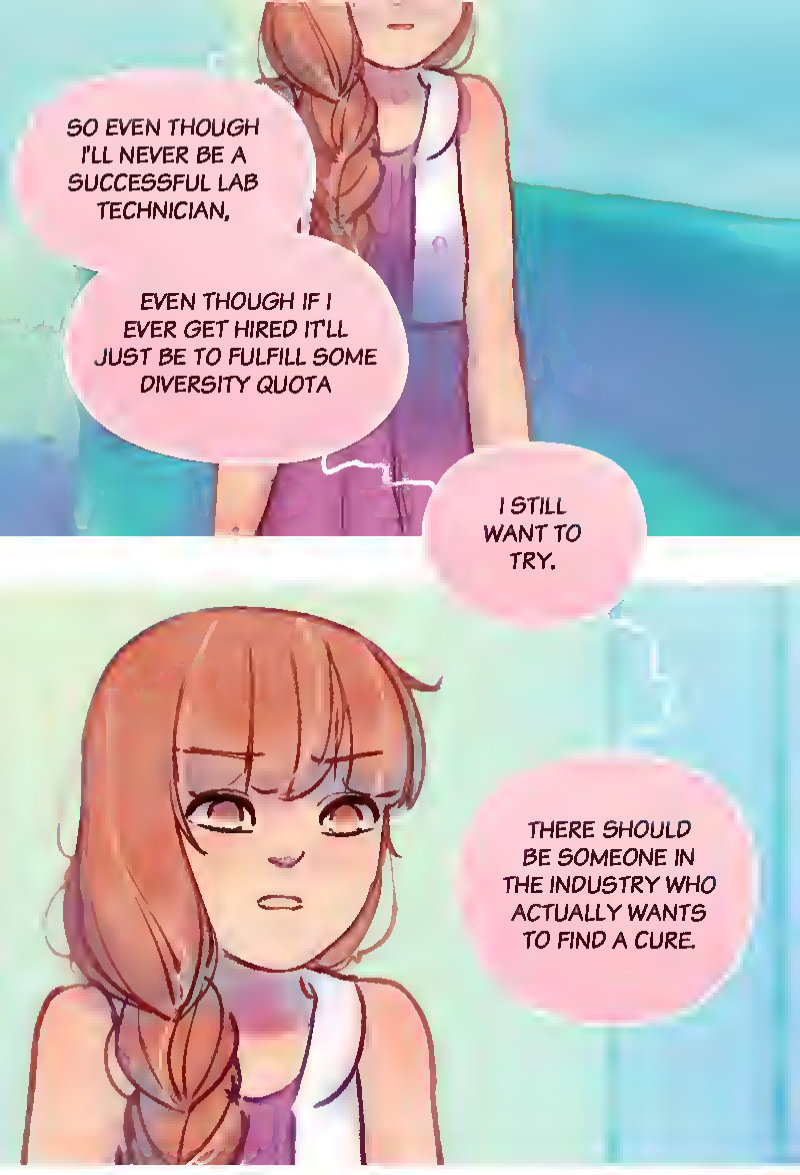
I'M NOT THAT NAIVE.

I KNOW I WON'T BE THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO MAKES DISCOVERIES.

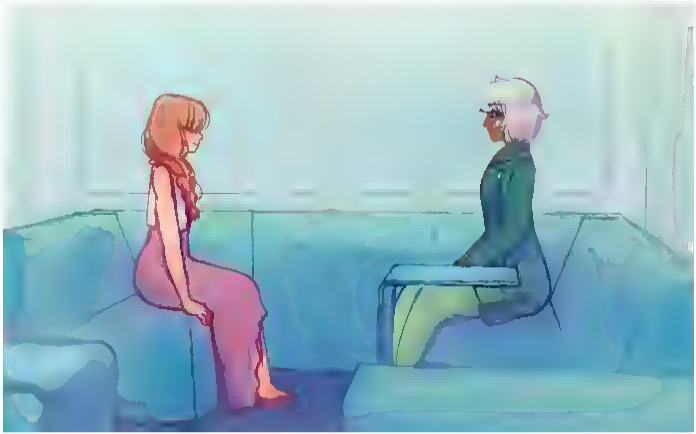
I KNOW I WON'T BE THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO CHANGES THE WORLD.


MOST LABS COMPLETELY IGNORE EGAN'S SYNDROME.
THERE ARE SO FEW OF US, AND THERE'S NO MONEY TO BE MADE FROM A CURE.
THE BIOTECH COMPANIES SIMPLY DON'T CARE.

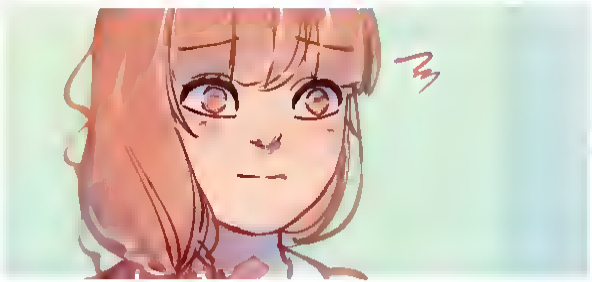
NOBODY CARES.


SO EVEN THOUGH I'LL NEVER BE A SUCCESSFUL LAB TECHNICIAN,
EVEN THOUGH IF I EVER GET HIRED IT'LL JUST BE TO FULFILL SOME DIVERSITY QUOTA
I STILL WANT TO TRY.
THERE SHOULD BE SOMEONE IN THE INDUSTRY WHO ACTUALLY WANTS TO FIND A CURE.

I HATE HAVING TO JUSTIFY MYSELF LIKE THIS.



WILL YOU BE HAPPY LIKE THAT?
AS AN UNSUCCESSFUL LAB TECH?



DOES IT MATTER?
I WON'T BE SUCCESSFUL NO MATTER WHAT I DO.

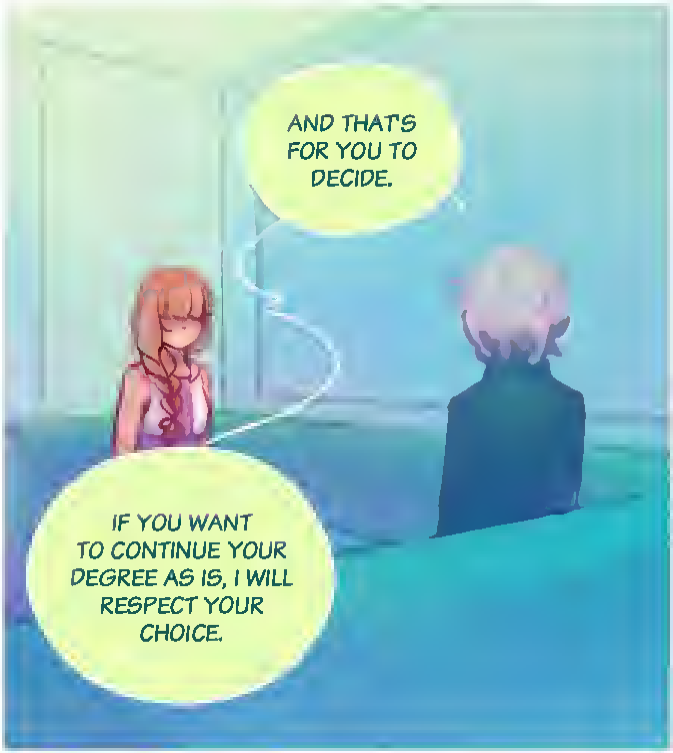
OF COURSE IT MATTERS.
LOOK, AUSTEN, MODS DO MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE,
BUT THEY DON'T GRANT INSTANT SUCCESS.
MODS CAN'T GIVE AN ARTIST THE SENSE OF STYLE NEEDED TO CREATE AN ORIGINAL WORK.
MODS CAN'T GIVE ACTORS THE EMPATHY NEEDED TO BREATHE

LIFE INTO A ROLE.

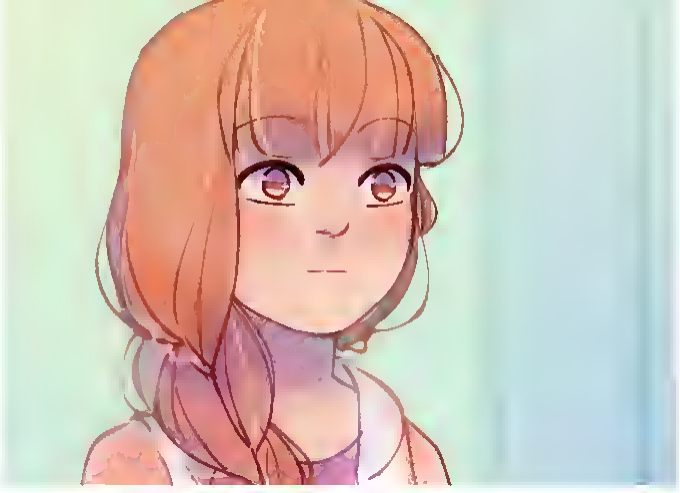
YOU, AUSTEN, HAVE A KNACK FOR PROGRAMMING LOGIC THAT GOES BEYOND MODS.
AND I'M SURE YOU HAVE OTHER STRENGTHS THAT I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT.

IF YOU FOCUS ON YOUR STRENGTHS
INSTEAD OF PUSHING FORWARD WITH A SUBJECT YOU'RE SIMPLY NOT VERY GOOD AT
YOU'VE GOT A GOOD CHANCE OF FINDING SUCCESS.

BUT THAT'S
NOT THE TYPE
OF SUCCESS
I WANT.

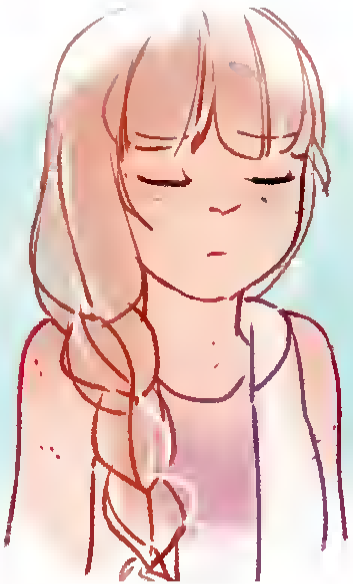

AND THAT'S FOR YOU TO DECIDE.
IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE YOUR DEGREE AS IS, I WILL RESPECT YOUR CHOICE.

BUT PLEASE, CONSIDER ALL YOUR OPTIONS.
THINK ABOUT IT.
I WANT YOU TO FIND A WAY TO BE HAPPY.



THAT'S TWICE NOW.
TWICE IN TWO DAYS.

AREN'T I HAPPY?



I THINK I'M HAPPY.
SOMETIMES, AT LEAST.

NOBODY'S HAPPY ALL THE TIME, RIGHT?

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